



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RED RIBBON WEEK

- WHEREAS: Alcohol and drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic proportions. Abuse of drugs and alcohol impacts not only the user but also strains families and undermines the community at large; and
- WHEREAS: It is imperative that visible, unified prevention education initiatives be implemented to reduce the demand for drugs. Citizen support is also essential in raising awareness regarding the dangers of drug use; and
- WHEREAS: By confronting this epidemic on the state and local level, we can better protect our communities from drug and alcohol abuse and help those who are addicted recover and redeem their lives; and
- WHEREAS: On October 23–31, communities across Georgia and around the United States will recognize National Red Ribbon Week, a campaign that encourages a drug-free lifestyle and participation in drug prevention and reduction activities; and
- WHEREAS: The red ribbon honors the contributions of Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, who was killed in the line of duty, and represents a unified effort to eliminate drug and alcohol abuse; and
- WHEREAS: Various citizens in all areas including business, government, law enforcement, media, healthcare, religious institutions, schools, and service organizations will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 23–31, 2017, as RED RIBBON WEEK in Georgia and encourage our citizens to show their support and commitment to a drug-free state.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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